

REMARKS

Claims 1-139 are pending in the current application. As an initial matter, applicants acknowledge examiner's withdrawal of all 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections, as well as all 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections in the previous office action.

This amendment is in response to the September 14, 2010, restriction requirement, which grouped the pending claims in the current application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-54
Group II: Claims 55-57
Group III: Claims 58-63
Group IV: Claims 64-68
Group V: Claims 69-73
Group VI: Claims 74-138
Group VII: Claim 139

Applicants hereby elect the claims from Group I, without traverse. Claims 55-139 have accordingly been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice. Applicants do not concede that any of these claims are unpatentable, and applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation or divisional patent applications to the unelected claims. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-54 will remain pending.

Applicants submit that the foregoing is a complete response to the restriction requirement. Should the examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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